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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NEGOTIATIONS FOR AEROFLOT SERVICE TO TANANARIVE

REFS: A) TANANARIVE 0246 (NOTAL); B) TANANARIVE 0450 (NOTAL);

C) TANANARIVE 0491 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: ON MARCH 18, GDRM AND VISITING SOVIET DELEGATION SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR AEROFLOT TO PROVIDE MOSCOW/TANANARIVE SERVICE WITH INTERMEDIATE STOPS AT ATHENS, CAIRO AND MOGADISCIO. QUESTION OF TRAFFIC RIGHTS AT THESE INTERMEDIATE POINTS APPARENTLY UNRESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET VICE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION, S.S. PAVOLOV, WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREE-MAN DELEGATION, ARRIVED TANANARIVE MARCH 12 TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS TOWARD A SOVIET/GDRM AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS APPARENT THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION WHETHER THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SUCCEED IN PRODUCING A SIGNED AGREEMENT. IN FACT, LEADER OF GDRM DELEGATION, JEAN BEMANANJARA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, SUPPLY AND TOURISM, FELT COMPELLED TO STATE THAT THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD TAKEN

PLACE DID NOT SIGNIFY ANY HASTINESS OR LACK OF SERIOUSNESS ON THE PART OF THE NEGOTIATORS.

3. PAVLOV INFORMED THE PRESS THAT THE AGREEMENT CONSTITUTED A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT QUESTIONS LEFT TO BE ANSWERED CONCERNED COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS, ITINERARIES, FARES, COMPANY REPRESENTATION, GROUND HANDLING, MAINTENANCE, TAXES AND DUTIES, ETC., BUT THAT THE SERVICE WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN JUNE 1ST. PAVLOV WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF ON THE MATTER OF FARES BUT HINTED THAT THE TANANARIVE/MOSCOW ONE-WAY FARE MIGHT BE ABOUT 844 FARE CONSTRUCTION UNITS (FCU).

4. MARCH 19 PRESS REPORTED THAT AEROFLOT AND AIR MADAGASCAR ENVISAGED A TANANARIVE/MAPUTO/ADEN/CAIRO/MOSCOW ROUTE BUT A CORRECTION ON MARCY 21 REPORTED THAT THIS REPORT WAS IN ERROR AND THAT AFTER CONSULTING A WORLD MAP, TANANARIVE/MOGADISCIO/CAIRO/ATHENS/MOSCOW WAS A MORE LIKELY ITINERARY.

5. COMMENT: THE SWIFT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MANY DETAILS LEFT UNRESOLVED INDICATE APPARENT EAGERNESS ON BOTH SIDES FOR AEROFLOT TO SERVE MADAGASCAR. THE "MISUNDERSTANDING" ON ROUTING MAY HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE ERROR OR MAY INDICATE SECOND THOUGHTS OVER THE WEEKEND BY AEROFLOT OFFICIALS. THE UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS OF INTERMEDIATE TRAFFIC RIGHTS IS ALSO INTRIGUING. IF SUCH RIGHTS TO AND FROM TANANARIVE ARE NOT GRANTED AEROFLOT IN ATHENS, OR CAIRO, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MOST PASSENGERS ON THIS SERVICE WILL BE RUSSIANS SHUTTLLING BETWEEN MOSCOW, MOGADISCIO AND TANANARIVE. IN THIS CASE, PAVLOV'S EARLIER STATEMENTS (PARA 2 REF C) ABOUT PROFITABILITY BEING SECONDARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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